

# BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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## IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Bartholf House
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN: Greece
3. STREET LOCATION: 2809 Dewey Avenue (northwest cor. of Williston Road)
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Glenn J. Grassl ADDRESS: (same) Rochester, NY 14616
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐  
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

## DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ (at rear block and additions) b. stone ☒ (foundation)  
c. brick ☒ (main block) d. board and batten ☐ e. cobblestone ☐  
f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: Asphalt roof shingles. Concrete foundation at south addition.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐  
b. wood frame with light members ☐  
c. masonry load bearing walls ☒ (front block)  
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☐ c. fair ☒ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"Well, this is obviously an older building. It seems to have been shorn of whatever decorative detail it had. The cornice has a kind of classical shape, but even the back wing looks like it was of the Federal period, or possibly Greek Revival, although it doesn't have the Greek massing. This has enormous restoration potential. If you put a new porch on the front with some shutters you could really make something out of it. It's a 'green plus'- it wouldn't take much to rehab it and boost it into the 'red' category. It's a basically solid building and would only take a little cosmetic improvement to enhance it." P.Malo

COLOR CODE

Green plus



14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

- a. none known [ ]                      b. zoning [X]\*                      c. roads [X]\*  
d. developers [ ]                      e. deterioration [ ]  
f. other: \* Adjacent to commercial development on busy road.

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

- a. barn [ ]                      b. carriage house [ ]                      c. garage [ ]  
d. privy [ ]                      e. shed [ ]                      f. greenhouse [ ]  
g. shop [ ]                      h. gardens [ ]  
i. landscape features:  
j. other: asphalt parking lot in front and rear.

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

- a. open land [ ]                      b. woodland [ ]  
c. scattered buildings [ ]  
d. densely built-up [X]                      e. commercial [X]  
f. industrial [ ]                      g. residential [X]  
h. other:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1852

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES:

(see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: Residential



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One-story, shed-roofed, frame additions (mid-twentieth century?) at the west and southwest sides.

Original multipaned, double-hung wood windows in main block replaced with one-over-one, double-hung, wood replacement windows.

Replacement door added at north elevation of Greek Revival frame block.

A "ghost" outline in the brick suggests that there may have once been a front entrance porch on the east elevation. The present wood pediment over the door does not appear to be original.

Skylight added on north side of roof on Greek Revival frame block.

17. This house is located at the northwest corner of Dewey Avenue and Williston Road in the southeast quadrant of the town. The front, east, elevation faces Dewey Avenue. An asphalt parking lot is in the front and rear of the property. Large pine trees form the west boundary of the property. Glenn's Family Restaurant, a modern restaurant building, is located within a few feet of the house on the north side. The development along Dewey Avenue is primarily commercial with many buildings dating from the mid-twentieth century. The adjacent residential neighborhood on Williston Road, to the west, has a mix of early 1900s and post World War II frame houses.

18. The main block is a two-story, front-gabled, brick building with cornice returns on the front and rear elevations. This block is constructed atop a coursed ashlar foundation and is three-bays-wide by four-bays-deep. Fenestration on the east and south elevations is regular with stone sills and lintels, and one-over-one, double-hung replacement windows. The front entrance is in the northernmost bay and features a wood paneled door with glazing in the upper half. "Ghost" lines in the brickwork above the entrance suggest that there may have once been a porch here. Two brick chimneys rise above the south side of the roof; the buff-colored brick chimney at the west end appears to be of more recent construction.

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Located directly behind the brick block is a one and one-half story, gable-roofed frame block clad with wood clapboards. This block features a wide frieze with cornice returns on the west gable end. A replacement door has been added at the north elevation of this block. North of this entrance is a six-over-six, double-hung wood window. There is a small window in the frieze of this elevation. The rear elevation of this block has a brick chimney in the center with six-over-one, double-hung wood windows on either side.

Projecting from the south side of the Greek Revival frame block is a one-story, shed-roofed, frame sunroom addition built on a concrete foundation. This clapboard-sided addition has a group of (4) four-over-four, double-hung windows on the south elevation.

Another shed-roofed, frame addition is at rear of the house. This addition sits on brick piers and may have once been a porch. The upper part of the walls are clad with vertical tongue-and-groove siding and the lower part with clapboards.

20. Built ca. 1852, this brick house is architecturally significant as a representative example of Greek Revival domestic architecture in the town of Greece. Although the house has undergone changes, its basic Greek Revival form and some of the period details are still intact. The property no longer retains integrity of its once rural setting due to the surrounding twentieth-century commercial development.

The Greek Revival was the dominant style of American buildings constructed from the 1830s up to the 1850s. Characteristic features of the style shown at this house include the low-pitched, gable roof, cubic massing, symmetrical fenestration, cornice returns, and frieze band.

The precise date of construction for this house has not been determined. Its architectural style dates it from around the mid-nineteenth century. The house may have been built for Stephen Bartholf (also spelled Bartholph) and his wife Ida. The Bartholfs were married in 1866. A house is first shown on this site on the 1852 county map with the name of S. Bartholph. It also appears on the 1858 and 1872 county maps as owned by S.

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Bartholph. The Bartholfs children, Florence and George, were born in this house. On the 1902 county map, the house continued to be owned by Stephen Bartholf along with a total of 45.11 acres. The property was later owned by George Bartholf who continued to live here up until his death in 1931.

The house is located in the area of Greece known as "Barnard", centered around Dewey Avenue and Stone Road. This neighborhood derives its name from the Dewey Avenue railroad crossing south of the present town line. The rail line had begun in 1852 as the "Rochester and Charlotte Railroad." This was later known as the Charlotte Branch of the New York Central and the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad. The tracks for the railroad were built through the Barnard farm.

The Barnard area became renowned for its thriving nurseries, many of which were established by Belgian horticulturists who settled here including Vick, Frear and Van Putte.

Surrounded today by modern commercial development, the Bartholf House is a visual reminder of the early years of settlement in the Barnard section of Greece.

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